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SUBJ: GATT G-18: JAPANESE AMB TSURUMI'S COMMENTS ON US BOP PAPER

REF: STATE 37500 (NOTAL)

- 1. JAPANESE AMB TSURUMI HAS GIVEN US THREE-PAGE LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMB YEUTTER COMMENTING ON US BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PAPER. HE STATES VIEWS ARE HIS OWN AND HE HAS NOT CONSULTED HIS GOVERNMENT. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY.
- 2. WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE, ESPECIALLY NOW, REVISE ART. XII
 AS THIS ARTICLE HAS DETERRENT EFFECT WHICH HAS ENABLE GATT
 TO ISOLATE AND CONTAIN SUCH MEASURES AS IMPORT SURCHARGES AND
 PRIOR IMPORT DEPOSITS; IT HAS ALSO ENABLE THOSE ADMINISTRATIONS
 INTRODUCING SUCH MEASURES TO EXERCICE RESTRAINT AND TO
 DISMANTLE THEM AT EARLIEST OPPORUTNITY. KNOWLEDGE THAT REVISION
 ART. XII IS UNDER WAY LIKELY CREATE IMPRESSION THAT
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THESE NON-QR MEASURES ARE SANCTIONED AND THUS MAKE IT

HARDER FOR GOVERNMENTS TO RESIST PRESSURES FOR ADOPTION SUCH MEASURES. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE IN CURRENT DIFFICULT WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION.

- 3. TRADE MEASURES ARE NOT AN APPROPRIATE OR EFFECTIVE TOOL TO REMEDY BOP DIFFICULTIES.
- 4. MAJOR COUNTRIES SHOULD AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES ON NEED TO NOTIFY THE NON-QR MEASURES AND TO PURSUE GATT WORKING PARTY REVIEW WITHOUT TOUCHING ON QUESTIO OF LEGALITY. THUS, BOP COMMITTEE'S COMPETENCE WOULD NOT EXTEND TO NON-QR MEASURES. DALE

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